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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,278,917 issued July 14, 1981.
2. Japanese Patent Application No. 6-19425, published January 28, 1994 with English Abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 5-127635, published May 25, 1993 with English Abstract.
4. Japanese Patent Application No. 4-359292, published December 11, 1992 with English Abstract.

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5. Japanese Patent Application No. 62-117481, published May 28, 1987 with English Abstract.

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